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1. Between 0500 and 0700 on 28 August 1954, medium AA guns practiced firing against a sleeve target towed by a two-engine low-wing monoplane on the Apetlon AAA Range. Firing practice by light and medium AA guns was also heard between 0545 and 0600 on 31 August and between 0530 and 0600 on 1 September. 1 25X1
2. At 0600 on 16 August, 15 trucks, including 12 trucks towing medium AA guns, left Camp Apetlon toward the northwest. Trucks observed were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. At 0830, a column of trucks towing medium AA guns came from the northwest and entered Camp Apetlon. Truck driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and towing a medium AA gun was observed. 2 25X1
3. On 18 August, a column of trucks drove toward Camp Apetlon. Each truck towed a medium AA gun and was driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets. 2 25X1
4. On 22 August, two tanks were observed near Apetlon which drove toward the AAA camp. Each tank had six track wheels, three track support rollers, an idler wheel, and a drive sprocket, and was equipped with a gun of about 120 mm. six tanks of this type were seen. 3 25X1
5. At 2015 on 25 August, a column of an undetermined number of trucks towing AA guns and driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets passed through Apetlon and drove toward the camp. Trucks could be observed towing AA guns. Other vehicles included truck and sedan . the column came from the direction of Parndorf (P 48/X 77) and drove to Apetlon via Neusiedel (P 48/X 76), Podersdorf (P 48/X 75) and Ilmitz (P 48/X 74). 4 25X1

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6. On 27 August, jeep [] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, and two tanks of the type described in paragraph 4 came from the direction of the AAA camp, passed Apetlon and went toward Neusiedel. [] the two tanks were entrained at Neusiedel. 3

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7. On 31 August, a column of trucks towing AA guns passed Apetlon and drove to the AAA camp. Vehicles observed included truck [] and jeep [] which were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. 5

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All officers and soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 28 August, two officers riding in jeep [] asked local residents directions to the highway to Vienna. 1

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1. [] Comment. The information confirms that the Apetlon AAA Range was occupied by AAA units and that AA gun firing practices were also held during the second half of August 1954. [] components of the 23d AAA Div from Korneuburg and Stockerau, and air force AAA units from Wiener Neustadt and possibly from Gross Enzersdorf were stationed at Camp Apetlon.

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2. [] Comment. [] the columns probably belonged to the air force AAA unit from Wiener Neustadt. []

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3. [] Comment. The tanks probably were of the JS type. It could not be determined whether the tanks moved to Apetlon for AA machine gun firing practice or for other training.

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4. [] Comment. [] the column belonged to components of the 23d AAA Div from Korneuburg. Since heavy AA guns have not been observed so far in the area of the Central Group of Forces, the report on AA guns possibly of 105 mm cannot be confirmed.

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5. [] Comment. [] the column belonged to an air force AAA unit from Aspern.

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